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SUBJECT: FISHING LICENSE PURCHASES BY RADIO

1. DEPT. HAS PURSUED WITH U.S. TUNA INDUSTRY QUESTION OF PROCEDURES FOR LICENSE PURCHASES BY RADIO FROM GOE. DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SUCH PURCHASES WERE POSSIBLE LAST YEAR, BUT INDUSTRY INDICATES THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL YEARS AGO GOE DID ALLOW LICENSE PURCHASES BY RADIO.
2. IF GOE WOULD AGREE TO MAKE SUCH A PROCEDURE POSSIBLE, VESSEL AT SEA COULD RADIO AGENT IN SAN DIEGO, PANAMA, GUAYAQUIL OR WHEREVER GOE HAD CONSULAR OFFICE, AND REQUEST THAT AGENT PURCHASE LICENSE FROM APPROPRIATE GOE REPRESENTATIVE. AFTER PAYMENT OF LICENSE FEE, GOE REP WOULD NOTIFY GOE NAVY AS TO NAME OF VESSEL, ETC., AND LEGITIMACY OF LICENSE PURCHASE. VESSEL COULD THEN FISH WITHOUT FEAR OF SEIZURE.
3. QUESTION OF BANK OF AMERICA GUARANTEE DISCUSSED

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WITH AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE

CONVENIENCE FACTOR FOR U.S. INDUSTRY WHO COULD THEN
PURCHASE LICENSE WITHOUT ACTUAL OUTLAY OF CASH.

THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE AND MAY BE WORTH EXPLORING, BUT
MAIN POINT IS FOR GOE TO AGREE TO ALLOW AGENTS TO
PURCHASE THROUGH GOE CONSULATES OR OTHER GOE REPRESENTATIVES
LICENSES FOR VESSELS AT SEA. WE WOULD
SUSPECT THAT IF GOE AGREES TO THESE RADIO PURCHASES
IT WOULD PREFER CASH PAYMENT, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS SOME
ARRANGEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH BANKS WHICH IS
PREFERABLE TO BOTH GOE AND TO INDUSTRY.

4. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INQUIRY WITH
APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS TO SEE IF RADIO LICENSE
PURCHASES WILL BE POSSIBLE DURING COMING SEASON.
THIS WOULD HELP ENSURE THAT ANY VESSEL DESIRING
LICENSE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ONE AND MAY ELIMINATE
POSSIBILITY OF UNLICENSED FISHING BY U.S. TUNABOATS. KISSINGER

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